

**Introduced by Senator Torlakson**

February 24, 2006

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An act to add Section 105.5 to the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1817, as introduced, Torlakson. Water conservation.

Existing law declares that the protection of the public interest in the development of water resources is of vital concern to the people of the state and requires the state to determine in what way water should be developed for the greatest public benefit. Existing law declares that the right to use water does not extend to the waste, unreasonable use, or unreasonable method of use or diversion of water.

This bill would declare that it is the established water policy of the state to conserve water to the maximum extent feasible to ensure its continued availability and to protect natural resources.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 105.5 is added to the Water Code, to
- 2     read:
- 3     105.5. It is the established water policy of the state to
- 4     conserve water to the maximum extent feasible to ensure its
- 5     continued availability and to protect natural resources.

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